

**From:** Tony Sellers  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Pursuant to the Tunney Act, I am writing to comment on the proposed settlement of the United States vs. Microsoft antitrust case.

I oppose the proposed Microsoft Settlement.

I hope to send a follow-up message in the morning detailing my opposition, but let this statement suffice for now: I fear for the private ownership, security, and confidence of data stored by or passed through Microsoft software due to Microsoft's use of proprietary and closed file formats, APIs, and network protocols, especially in light of their publicly expressed intentions to shift their software to a subscription sales model. Microsoft have been found guilty of abuse of their monopoly position in this case, and are being offered a pathetically weak settlement by the D.O.J. on behalf of the citizens of the U.S. and the world. Please abandon this settlement and play to win.

It would be better to warn Microsoft to behave and put them on a sort of administrative probation than to settle so weakly. You have the power to make this settlement on my behalf, but you do not have my consent to do so.

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